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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reconsideration of the subject application based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-34, 36 and 37 are pending in the subject application. Claims 2-13, 16-17, 19-22, 24-34, 36 and 37 are acknowledged as being allowable by the Examiner.

Please cancel claims 1, 14, 15, 18 and 23 without prejudice to prosecuting these claims in a continuing application.

Claims 1, 14, 15, 18 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102.

In order to allow claims already acknowledged by the Examiner as being allowable to pass to issue without further delay, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 14, 15, 18 and 23 without disclaimer or prejudice to further prosecuting these claims in a continuing application. Because the claims that stand rejected were canceled in the foregoing amendment, Applicants do not believe that the §102 rejection need be addressed further herein and therefore also respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendment into the record.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicants believe that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Response. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed

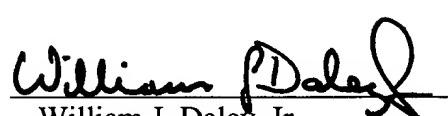
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for any excess fee paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit
Account No. **04-1105.**

Respectfully submitted,
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